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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION: Laurent DUBEDOUT, et al.

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EXAMINER: WILLIAMS, R. H.

FOR: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING TWO HERMETIC THREADED TUBULAR JOINTS  
COMPRISING A LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS, BY MEANS OF PLASTIC  
EXPANSION

**LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

☒ 4 Replacement Drawing Sheets  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Annotated Drawing Sheets

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ New Drawing Sheets  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Color Photographs/Drawing Sheets

☒ Official Action dated February 8, 2010.

☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated \_\_\_\_\_

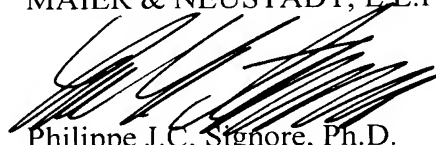
☐ Other dated \_\_\_\_\_

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Substitute Figures 1-11 are amended to add cross-hatching as required in the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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